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Briefly

Poems sought

Mother. The word alone conjures up different images for all of us.

For some, the word means a loving and caring woman who met us at the door after school with freshly baked cookies, a hug and a helping hand.

For others, she's the one who taught us right from wrong, or who showed us a woman's place can be anywhere she chooses to be: in the home, in the workforce, in school.

In honor of mothers everywhere, the *Journals* are inviting readers to submit a poem (12 lines maximum) dedicated to their mothers. On Mother's Day, May 9, we will run as many of these poems as space allows.

School classes are encouraged to participate. Send your poem to: Mother's Day, Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. Deadline is Friday, April 30.

Pierogi sale

A Polish pierogi sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 930 Reynolds St., Madison. Seven varieties will be offered.

There will be carryouts only, at \$6 per dozen cooked and ready to heat and eat. To order ahead, the number is 876-5660.

Auto stickers

Granite City residents must display city license stickers on their vehicles after May 1. Stickers may be purchased in City Clerk Bob Stevens' office in City Hall and at local banks.

Deaths

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
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Little Lotto Game
04-07-08-21-34
Lotto Game
16-29-39-49-50-52
April 27: 0-0-7; Pick 4: 8-2-2-4
April 26: 4-2-3; Pick 4: 6-0-9-2
Little Lotto Game
10-16-25-27-34
April 25: 4-9-4; Pick 4: 3-4-4-5
April 24: 4-2-7; Pick 4: 8-0-1-5
Lotto Game
02-10-34-37-38-50

75 years ago

April 29, 1918
The American Car Foundry, with plants in Madison, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, was awarded a contract to build 30,000 boxcars and coal cars for the railroad administration. The Madison plant, which had nearly closed recently, may have to work 24 hours a day.

Trivia

When did Granite City Steel become part of National Steel?

See Page 6A

Busing plan is cropped

Board agrees to let Prather students stay

By Cheryl K. Friedman
Correspondent

After several hours of testimony from school administrators and parents, the Granite City School Board voted Tuesday to keep the current attendance boundaries for Prather Elementary School.

"Basically, the board felt that since the parents were satisfied with the current situation and the building principal (Steve Davis) was satisfied he could handle things as they are, the best thing to do was leave everything as it is right now," Superintendent Steve Balen said.

The board's decision came after a two-hour public discussion and a two-hour closed session on an administration proposal that would have affected about 200 Prather students who reside in the downtown area, generally bounded by 15th and 23rd streets, Madison Avenue and the railroad tracks.

Instead of being bused to Prather — the district's largest elementary school — those students would have attended either Wilson or Lake Elementary School next year.

SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

One of the signs carried by parents protesting the plan that would have transferred 200 Prather School students to other schools.

School officials said the plan would have better utilized classroom space in all three of the schools, make administrative responsibilities more equitable, and cost the district no additional funds.

Parents of Prather students had argued vehemently that a part-time assistant principal at Prather could solve any problems caused by overcrowding at the school, without disrupting the lives of the students affected.

Several of the parents picketed the School Board Office this week to protest the proposal.

During the two-hour open discussion of the proposal Tuesday, the board heard nine pleas to stop the redistricting plan.

Some said the reorganization was not "only unnecessary but could disrupt the educational process for the children involved."

"Don't you remember what it was like to be a (See BUSING, Page 6A)

Unanswered Council still pursuing suit against Selph

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Despite Ron Selph's election as mayor April 20, the City Council will not yet drop a pending lawsuit against him.

But a settlement may be forthcoming if Selph will promise not to sue the city, Selph said Wednesday that he is willing to make such a promise.

"I don't have a problem addressing that issue. I have no intentions whatsoever of suing the city, and I will issue a letter to that effect if (the aldermen) will drop this silly lawsuit and get on with the business of the city," Selph said.

After a 90-minute-long closed session Tuesday night, the City Council voted 11-1 to continue to pursue a lawsuit to determine whether Mayor Von Dee Cruse and Police Chief Don Knight had the authority to enter into a secret retirement agreement with Selph in August 1991.

Attorney John Long of Troy has filed a petition on behalf of the aldermen to intervene in the city's lawsuit against Selph.

According to the petition, the aldermen sought to intervene because "the representation of their collective interests, as the legislative branch of the municipal government of the city of Granite City ... may be inadequate in view of (their) need (See SUIT, Page 6A)

Transition in city under way

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

As expected, election of a new Granite City mayor will result in some changes in the City Hall staff.

But Mayor-elect Ron Selph said Wednesday he has decided to keep several key city employees, while replacing others.

While Selph said no decisions are etched in stone and that he is still reviewing applications, several aldermen and other political insiders who have had discussions with Selph since his election said that he plans to offer to keep several key employees.

These include Economic Development Director Alan Ortals (with additional duties), City Inspector Vince Scrum (in another capacity), Neighborhood Coordinator and cable television Program Director David Williams, Administrative Assistant Donna Fanning, Fire and Police Commissioner Edward "Dewey" Melton, and assistant city attorneys Brian Konzen and Ed Fitzhugh of the law firm of Lueders, Robertson and Konzen.

Leo Konzen, a partner in the firm, will be appointed as city attorney, Selph confirmed Wednesday.

Scott Griffith, a lawyer with a private practice in Granite City, will be appointed assistant city attorney, he said.

Among those rumored to be leaving are Safety Director Mitch Abbott, City Attorney Mark Goldenberg, Assistant City Attorney Susan Bacon and Civil Defense Director Louise Wade, but Selph declined to comment on those positions.

"Right now I'm in the middle of the deciding stages. I'm not ready to confirm anything yet, and am considering everyone who submitted a resume," Selph said.

"I would rather call these people first to tell them, I think, I owe them that courtesy. But I will say that I am definitely looking at savings, whether it be through personnel cuts or cuts in salaries," he said.

Selph said that he has asked all appointees to submit a letter of resignation, and will then make his appointments.

Police Chief Don Knight and Fire Chief Jerry Wallace have both tendered their resignations.

While six candidates are said to be in the running for Knight's job, Captains Jim Lengyel and Dave Ruebhausen and Lt. Denny Chenault are considered the front-runners, sources said.

Lengyel served as chief from June 1988, when he replaced Bob Astorian, to May 1989, when he stepped down from the post and (See TRANSITION, Page 6A)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Venice Alderman John Ervin, left, shows lead casings Wednesday to Brad Bradley, the federal EPA project manager for the lead cleanup in the Quad City area.

Venice alley cleanup delayed; list may grow

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Aldermen want jobs, 2A

The cleanup of lead-contaminated battery casing chips in Venice alleys, scheduled to begin this week, will be delayed for about two weeks while officials consider how to best spend the money available.

Six alleys in Venice and a section of Slough Road on Kerr Island had been identified for immediate cleanup as part of the \$35 million National Lead-Taracorp Superfund cleanup by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

But Brad Bradley, project manager for the cleanup, said he believes the money for the immediate cleanup in Venice — about \$1.5 million — should be spent in a way that best serves

local priorities.

Area residents have long said that the use of battery casing chips — the source of the contamination — was not limited to the six alleys identified in the remedial study done for the EPA.

Three years ago, Venice Alderman John Ervin identified at least two dozen Venice alleys he personally knew had been paved with the chips.

Ervin sent Bradley a map of Venice with the alleys marked.

This week, Bradley and Ervin visually inspected some of the alleys, identified by Ervin. (See CLEANUP, Page 2A)

Arbitrator rules in favor of Madison on contract

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

An arbitrator in a contract dispute between Madison and its police union has ruled in favor of the city, city officials said Tuesday.

The City Council voted unanimously to accept the ruling of the arbitrator.

The contract dispute was over a raise for members of the police department. The union, in its last offer, had asked for a 4 percent raise retroactive to 1991. The city contended that it could not afford to give any type of raise to any of its employees and its last offer was no increase in pay.

The arbitrator had to select either the city or union's last offer and both sides were then bound to that decision.

City Attorney Casper Nighobossian said that the pay increase was the only in the contract, being disputed and that, as a result of the arbitrator's decision, the city now has a valid contract with the police union through December 1993.

Lt. Paul Bargiel said Wednesday that the union had no comment of the arbitrator's ruling.

In other action, the City Council met in closed session with Teamsters Business Agent Steve McGinness concerning a grievance filed by the Teamsters union on behalf of the city's street department employees who were laid off Dec. 31.

The grievance alleges that employees in Belleville Area College's Senior Aide program who work at the city's recreation centers are performing work that was formerly done by a member of the union.

Following the closed session, the City Council voted unanimously to meet as Committee as a whole at 6 p.m. Monday, May 3, to further discuss the issue.

Alderman Andy Economy, who was elected supervisor of Venice Township last week, resigned his aldermanic position.

Mayor John Belleco appointed Richard George to replace Economy for the two years remaining in his term. George was sworn in by City Clerk Bill Weidner.

(See CONTRACT, Page 6A)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Santa's helper — Bernie Maxfield of D.W. Brown Realty smooths concrete just poured at one of the homes that the Christmas in April group was working on this weekend. See Lifestyle, Page 5A, for story and photos.

Police log

Granite City

DUI charge is filed

Frank Misturak, 67, of the 800 block of Washington Avenue in Madison, was arrested at 2:02 a.m. April 22 for driving under the influence of alcohol and making an illegal right turn. An officer reported seeing a brown 1979 Dodge pickup truck make a right turn onto Madison Avenue from 20th Street while a traffic signal was red. Misturak, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

Two batteries alleged

Jeffrey D. Gean, 27, of the 3000 block of Namooki Road, was arrested at 9:55 p.m. April 21 and booked for two counts of battery.

Gean allegedly struck a 21-year-old man and a 45-year-old woman in the face with his fist. He was lodged pending \$214 bail.

2 arrests for invasion

Two Granite City men have been charged with home invasion, a Class X felony, for allegedly breaking into a downtown apartment and holding the occupants against their will April 19.

Donald R. Caughron, 30, of the 2400 block of Iowa Street, and Colin R. Harris, 29, of the 700 block of Niedringhaus Avenue, were arrested at 11:38 p.m. April 19. Caughron and Harris allegedly broke into an apartment above Granite City Cyclery, 1231 19th St., and held the occupants against their will.

Nabbed on DUI charge

David M. Pregel, 34, of the 3200 block of Erin Drive, was arrested at 11:38 p.m. April 23 for speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported clocking a beige 1981 Chevrolet Monte Carlo at 48 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone in the 2900 block of Madison Avenue.

Pregel, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, declined to take a breath analysis test and was charged. He was lodged pending \$302 bail.

Madison man arrested

Tommy W. McCormick, 34, of the 400 block of State Street in Madison, was arrested at 8:14 p.m. April 25 and charged with two counts of domestic battery. McCormick allegedly struck his wife and threw her to the ground, and struck his wife's son in the mouth with his fist.

Leaf-burning ban advances

SPRINGFIELD — The smell of burning tree leaves may become only a memory in most of Henderson County.

The Illinois Senate voted 34-16 last week to ban open burning in communities of 1,000 or more within counties with 100,000 population or greater.

The measure is identical to a bill passed 77-26 April 15 in the House. One of the chambers must approve the other bill before it can go to the governor for his approval, but the favorable votes in both chambers mean approval is likely.

Senate sponsor Robert Mahar, R-Orland Park, contended local ordinances on burning have not been effective because leaf smoke crosses boundaries and causes health hazards to those with asthma and other respiratory diseases.

Mahar agreed to add language making it clear the ban would not apply to landscape waste burned in fireplaces in fireplaces in fireplaces. Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenville, said the ban would be unfair to some communities in eastern Madison and St. Clair counties. He said the problem is only in the more populated areas near St. Louis.

The ban would be accomplished through regulations passed by the state Pollution Control Board.

— From the Alton Telegraph

according to a police report. McCormick was lodged pending \$214 bail.

Alcohol charges filed

Glenn J. Garrett, 30, of the 400 block of Tennessee Avenue, was arrested at 1:53 a.m. April 25 for driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal transportation of alcohol.

An officer responding to a report of a car striking a fence at the Madison County Transit District bus terminal, 19th Street and Edison Avenue, reported finding Garrett in a blue and gray Pontiac Trans Am on the

Eleven parking lot, 19th Street and Niedringhaus Avenue. Garrett took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

A beer bottle and a plastic cup containing a beverage were confiscated from the console of the car, according to a police report.

Carlinville man booked

Everett W. Johnson Jr., 34, of Carlinville, was arrested at 9:09 p.m. April 24 for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and driving without liability insurance.

An officer reported stopping a yellow and white 1973 Ford pickup truck for equipment violations.

A case of beer was discovered in the passenger compartment of the truck, according to a police report.

Johnson, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, refused to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

Hair pulling alleged

Robert A. Mohr Sr., 34, of the 1400 block of Madison Avenue, was arrested at 9:16 p.m. April 23 and charged with domestic battery.

Mohr allegedly pulled his 23-year-old girlfriend's hair, according to a police report.

Arrested on 3 charges

Roger J. Schuster Sr., 43, of St. Charles, Mo., was arrested at 2:48 a.m. April 24 for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding and driving without a license.

An officer reported seeing a black 1979 Chevrolet pickup truck being driven erratically on Namooki Road, and clocking the vehicle at 45 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone on West Pontoon Road.

Schuster, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He was lodged pending \$307 bail.

Venice should get jobs from EPA cleanup, aldermen say

Venice Aldermen John Henry Williams and John Ervin said that, if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is going to spend \$1 million in Venice, then Venice residents should get "at least one or two jobs" out of it.

"It's just hard to see (a contractor) come into town to make money here and us not get some of it," Ervin said.

"It just seems fair that, if someone is going to make money in our town, we should, too," Williams was much more adamant.

"We can't let (contractors) use us to make money and then not hire a single person from Venice," Williams said.

"This is our city and if (a contractor) is not going to hire Venice people, we don't want them here. We won't let them work here."

"We don't want the whole pie; we just want a piece of it. If someone wants to use Venice, Ill., to make money and not give anyone in Venice, Ill., a job, then we're not going to let them work in Venice, Ill."

"It's as simple as that. This is our city and we don't have to let anybody work here if we don't want it."

Jeffrey Habegger from OHM Remediation Services in St.

Louis, the contractor hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the EPA project, assured Williams that "we are well aware of how things work in the real world."

He gave his personal commitment to work with Williams and other city officials to attempt to provide Venice with opportunities for employment.

Philip Schutte, a public relations specialist with the EPA, warned Williams that, if no one was hired and if he or other residents halted the project "by subterfuge or other means," that the only one it

would hurt in the long run would be the residents of Venice.

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Public hearing Friday on state redistricting

A committee named by Secretary of State George H. Ryan to review the state's legislative redistricting process is holding a public hearing Friday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to get public input.

The hearing of the Illinois Redistricting Process Review Commission is set for 10 a.m. to noon in the Mississippi room of the Student Center at Southern Illinois University.

The group will be seeking ways to amend the redistricting process, particularly the "tie-breaker" provision, according to a spokesman for the commission.

The commission is chaired by Chicago attorney Jeff Ladd, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention that drafted Illinois' 1970 Constitution.

Oil leak causes no permanent damage

A Shell environmental specialist, Mike Macrander from Houston, advised the company to continue washing the area with water and to collect the runoff for disposal.

The contaminated water has been sucked up with vacuum trucks and sent back through the company's waste water treatment facility.

Macrander anticipated no long-term damage. Shell spokeswoman Tara Condon-Tullier said.

"Because of the amount of oil and the time of the year, he did not see any significant impact on wildlife or the area," she said.

The best thing for Grassy Lake is to let nature take its course. Between the sun and the wind, any oil runoff will dissipate on its own, Macrander told company officials.

The overflow from the company lagoon was discovered about 2:30 a.m. Sunday but was not reported to the area officials because it was contained on the company's property, Condon-Tullier said.

"Once the oil passed the outlet into Grassy Lake, the company reported the incident," she said.

A caller reported the incident to the IEPA hot line early Sunday after spotting black clouds at the site.

Reporting time required by law depends on the amount and type of chemical and the type of incident.

•Cleanup

(Continued from Page 1A)

Bradley said the chips could be identified on the surface of 11 of them. Bradley and Ervin continued their visual inspection Wednesday afternoon and Bradley said that, based on the earlier inspections, he would expect to find the chips in almost all alleys in the city.

"In our experience, anywhere we have found chips close to the surface, we have found high levels of lead contamination," Bradley said.

"All of the alleys we identify now will be tested, but I think we can pretty sure they will prove to be contaminated."

While Bradley said all of the alleys that show high levels of contamination will eventually be cleaned and paved, he said he is sure that the testing will show more contaminated alleys than can possibly be cleaned with the money allocated for the

immediate cleanup.

"As a start, I think the cleanup on Slough Road should be dropped from the initial cleanup so that we can do more alleys," Bradley said.

He said the Slough road area is not near any residences and the area surrounding it will be cleaned in the future. "With alleys, you start at one street, go to the other street and you're done," Bradley said. "There's no coming back and finishing later."

Bradley said local considerations — such as identifying those contaminated alleys where children are known to play and those next to homes of families with small children — should be used to decide which alleys should be cleaned first.

Ervin said he has been "surprised and pleased" with the cooperation and flexibility shown by Bradley concerning the cleanup. "Brad seems to be someone you can work with," Ervin said. "He doesn't come in telling, he comes in asking."

SIUE student facing bomb threat charge

University Police at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville have arrested Vinod T. Menon, 23, of 12 Devon Court, Edwardsville, for calling a bomb threat to the police dispatcher on Friday, Feb. 5.

Chief Charles McDonald of the University Police said Menon was charged with disorderly conduct at the Class 4 felony level. The charge carries a possible fine and prison sentence if the defendant is found guilty.

Menon was arrested at his apartment Monday evening by University Police and was being held in the Madison County Jail. His bond was set at \$20,000.

The arrest resulted from more than two months of intensive police investigation with the cooperation of Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

Menon is a student at the University and was news editor of The Aleksee, the student newspaper, at the time of the bomb threat, which was one of three received at the University during the second week of February.

Menon is a native of Malaysia and lived in Carbondale prior to enrolling at SIUE.

The call on Feb. 5 came at 8:42 a.m., with the caller stating that a bomb was set to explode in the Peck Building at 10 a.m. The police searched the building and made a decision to evacuate it at 9:20 a.m.

The search of the building was continued, but nothing unusual was found, and the building was reopened at 10:40 a.m.

Other anonymous calls with threats of bombs in University buildings were received at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and at 10:26 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11.

The buildings that were threatened were Classroom Buildings II and III on Feb. 3, and the Science Building on Feb. 11.

On Friday (April 23), police received an anonymous call from a male at 11:19 a.m., saying a bomb had been placed in the Peck Building, but the alleged time of detonation was not given until a second call was received from the same person at noon, warning that the bomb would explode at 12:15 p.m.

The building was searched by police after the first call, and when the second call was received, a decision was made to evacuate.

Canine and bomb squad units from Scott Air Force Base were called to assist with searches of the building, which was not reopened until 6 p.m.

GRANITE CITY'S 36TH ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC

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Second suit filed over Bridick loan

Magna Bank officials file suit to take restaurant

A top official in the Madison County Sheriff's Department is under fire for the second time in a month for failing to make loan payments.

Don Bridick, chief of security at the Madison County Courthouse, and two business associates are being sued for defaulting on a \$415,000 loan used to build a Granite City fried chicken restaurant, court records show.

Bridick and partners Mike Sasyk of Madison and James Young of Sunset Hills, Mo., are eight months behind on loan payments to Magna Bank of Madison County and owe principal and interest totaling \$349,000, according to a suit filed this week in Madison County Court.

Bank officials are trying to

take possession of Popeye's Famous Fried Chicken, 2868 Madison Ave., in Granite City, which the three men own.

According to the suit, the partners have not made a payment since March 3, but that was for an installment due since Sept. 1, 1992.

"I don't know what you're talking about. I don't know anything about it," Bridick said from his office in the courthouse Tuesday afternoon.

Sasyk, however, blamed "out-of-towners" at the bank for refusing to agree to a new payment schedule.

"We went in there and offered to pay half now and the other half in 30 days, but then these big shot out-of-towners got involved and won't even sit down

and talk with us," Sasyk said Tuesday.

He also said a nationwide recession in the fast-food industry was the reason for the restaurant's financial woes and pledged to catch up on the payments without filing for bankruptcy.

"This suit shouldn't even have been filed. We are not having financial problems. Business is starting to pick up. They want us to go into bankruptcy but we won't do that," Sasyk said.

Late last month Bridick was sued by the Madison County Community Development office for defaulting on a \$100,000 economic development loan he obtained in November 1986 to open the Popeye's.

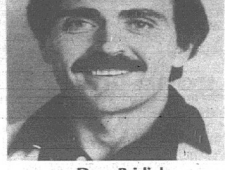
County officials sought to

repossess kitchen equipment and other property at the restaurant after Bridick, who was the only one of the partners named in the county suit, fell nine months behind on the loan.

The suit was dropped less than a week after it was filed when Bridick came up with \$16,951 to cover his overdue payments. The next installment of \$3,972 is due in two weeks.

In addition to falling behind on the county loan, Bridick failed to hire 20 low-income workers as required under terms of the loan agreement.

In March 1987, Bridick, Sasyk and Young, operating as BYS Enterprises Inc., borrowed \$415,000 from Magna Bank to open the fried chicken restaurant, court documents show.



Don Bridick

Bridick, who lost a bid for the Democratic nomination for circuit clerk last spring, owns at least two other chicken restaurants, including one in Alton and another in Missouri.

After saying he knew nothing about the latest suit, Bridick declined to speak to a reporter Tuesday and hung up the phone.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Annexation of SCC endorsed

SPRINGFIELD — State Community College would be annexed by the Belleville Area College District under a bill approved Friday by the Senate.

Sen. Ken Hall, D-East St. Louis, said the experimental status of the East St. Louis school prevents it from passing a property taxes.

A November 1994 referendum would change the status of the school so it could levy a tax.

Hall said that referendum is likely to fail, but wouldn't do much good if it passed because of the community's low tax base.

The annexation would take place only if the referendum fails, and would occur on July 1, 1995. An eighth trustee would be appointed to the Belleville College Board as a representative of East St. Louis.

The board would later revert back to seven members when the trustee's districts are redrawn by population.

Final day for Cruse tomorrow

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Mayor Von Dee Cruse is quitting.

Cruse, who did not seek re-election and whose term expires May 4, on Tuesday told the City Council that he will resign April 30.

"I would like to thank the people of Granite City for making my dream come true ... and I would like to thank this City Council and this administration that made my second dream come true — being one of the most progressive mayors in a long time," Cruse said.

Citing Wal-Mart, infrastructure improvements, and other developments that have taken place in the city since he took office in 1985, Cruse credited the City Council for helping him to achieve those accomplishments.

"That could not have been done without this City Council. I want to make sure that you know that I know how this came about," he told the aldermen.

While the past eight years have at times been an aggravation for him, Cruse said, there have been "many, many more good times than bad times ... We have not always agreed, but it has been a really good City Council."

"We need people who aren't always on line with every issue ... It keeps people honest," Cruse said that he is retiring to avoid a delay in his Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund benefits.

To begin collecting benefits in May, Cruse cannot receive any salary or benefits during that month, he said. While MRF benefits are based on longevity of service, Cruse said it would take 383 months for him to recoup the pay he would lose for serving the city Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Cruse has more than 40 years of public service to his credit, including terms as alderman, assessor and mayor.

After the meeting, Cruse addressed the aldermen informally, and urged them to "keep personalities out" of the decision-making process when working with Mayor-elect Ron Selph, who will take office Tuesday along with five new aldermen.

Senior Alderman Paul Fisk is expected to act as mayor pro tem next Tuesday prior to the swearing-in ceremony.

In other action, the aldermanic Police Committee presented a plaque to Police Chief Don Knight, who will retire May 3 after 23 years of service; and the Fire and Water Committee presented a plaque to Fire Chief Jerry Wallace, who will retire the same day after 24 years on the department.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Looking for work — Yolanda Beck, 17, of Granite City fills out an application for employment with K mart during the annual job fair for the handicapped held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Horseradish Fest set for Saturday

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

The bad news is, the International Horseradish Festival Committee's inflatable 28-foot root won't be in Collinsville for this weekend's festival.

The root was damaged by wind last month at the St. Louis St. Patrick's Day Parade, and won't be repaired by Saturday, the day of the 1993 festival.

But there is good news. Board member Judy McCann has gotten to the, er, root of the problem, and has agreed to serve as a substitute by dressing up in the committee's life-size root costume.

The giant custom-made root balloon, which the committee purchased last year, fluttered in the breeze above last year's festival at Woodland Park.

This year's International Horseradish Festival, the sixth annual, again will be in Woodland Park.

The festival will kick off with

Eating contest highlights events

Here is a highlight of events for this year's International Horseradish Fest on Saturday.

Main Stage:

Opening ceremonies — 10:30 a.m.
Horseradish eating contest — 11 a.m.
SK run awards — 11:15 a.m.
Kitchen Band — 12:30 p.m.
The Family Jugglers — 1:2 p.m.
Performing Arts Studio — 2:3 p.m.
Mississippi Valley Barbershop Chorus — 3:30 p.m.
Little Miss Horseradish Festival Pageant — 4:5 p.m.
The Band Fall Back — 6-9 p.m.

The Horseradish Run at 10 a.m. (registration is one hour earlier), and continue until the band Fall Back finishes its set on the main stage at about 9 p.m.

In between, there will be contests, entertainment, and 25 booths offering food and beverages — including many dishes featuring horseradish.

Attendance at last year's fest was estimated at 13,500.

Organizers said they hope for even larger crowds this year.

Madison County Transit is again offering its "Root Route" — a free shuttle bus service that will run continuously from the North Junior High School parking lot to the festival grounds at Woodland Park.

McCann said the wind was so bad at the St. Patrick's Parade this year that the balloon "got some massive holes in it and had to be shipped back to New York, where we got it, to be repaired."

Durbin declares horseradish winner

U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin, D-Springfield, who challenged colleague Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., to a horseradish taste test, has declared Kelly's Pride horseradish produced by J.R. Kelly Co. of Collinsville "the hands down winner" over Gold's Horseradish from Long Island, N.Y.

Durbin challenged Ackerman to a taste test after receiving a letter and sample of Gold's Horseradish from his New York colleague. While Durbin noted that "few connoisseurs of horseradish will dispute its outstanding quality or its bite," he took

exception to Ackerman's assertion that Long Island "has become the Horseradish Capital of the World."

Durbin circulated a letter to his colleagues explaining that "Madison County, together with nearby St. Clair County in the American Bottoms, is responsible for growing 75-80 percent of America's horseradish" on more

than 1,400 acres.

Durbin pointed out that the U.S. Patent and Trade Office in September of last year registered the title "Horseradish Capital of the World" to the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce.

Durbin welcomed anyone wishing to "add a little spice to their life" to contact him for a sample of Kelly's Pride.

Briefly

May Day festival planned

Eighty-five-year-old Ann W. Pittman, an African-American folklorist, will be a special guest at a May Day festival sponsored by Solidarity Labor Jam, a Granite City-based organization.

The event, designed to promote the culture of the working class in the arts, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge 837 at 212 Utz Road in Hazelwood.

A \$5 donation is requested and proceeds will go to support striking workers and their families and to aid continued production of labor-cultural events.

Other performers Friday will include musicians, actors portraying historic characters, persons reading poetry, and a number of other entertainers.

The performers are workers in a wide variety of fields who will join together to celebrate the rich history of organized labor and the working class in America.

For more information, persons may call Jill Ross, 451-6836, or Gary Gaines, 931-6609.

DARE variety show Friday

The first DARE variety show will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Granite City High School auditorium.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education committee, based on the success of the community-wide talent show during the City-Wide Fight Against Drugs Festival, has decided to hold an annual show.

Ron Ponnell, chairman of the Speech Department at Granite City High School, will serve as master of ceremonies for Friday's show and Bea Stevenson is serving as chairperson.

Ticket cost is \$1 and tickets will be available at the door. All money collected will be used to purchase DARE materials for fourth- and sixth-grade students.

Performers will include:

Singer Pamela Dubnick, who will present a solo and also a duet with Christopher Krause.
Singer-guitar player Vanessa Vargo, pianist Andrea Malone, vocalist Keely Snelson, Lora Smallman and Maria Van Fieckle, Sonya Adkerson, the Sts. Cyril and Method Eastern Orthodox Church Choir, senior Al Stevens accompanied by pianist Beth Nicol, vocalist Lisa Elias, lip-synching and dancing duo of Nicole Jateff and Crystal Becerra, pianist Jacob Kamphoefner, pianist Kyle Bridges, Emily Bridges and April Glowacki performing a piano duet, vocalist Carrie Heek accompanied by pianist Aaron Belemmer, vocalist Valler Cox, vocalist Madragal Vorce, vocalist Melissa Snelson, singer-guitarist Christopher Krause, vocalist Larry Lakin and the Dr. Stadanko Band featuring Nick Novack, Mark Willefert, Shawn Davis and Brad Vaughn.

Rabies clinic Saturday

A rabies vaccination clinic will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Granite City Animal Control Facility on Old Highway 5 (Missouri Avenue) just south of A.O. Smith Corp.

Shots available for dogs will be rabies, distemper, parvo and corona. Shots available for cats will be upper respiratory, feline distemper and feline leukemia. Shots cost each.

City animal license tags will also be available for purchase. The cost for city tags is \$5 for non-neutered animals and \$2 for neutered animals.

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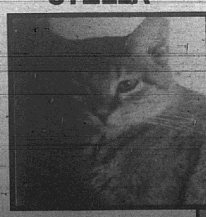


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Opinion

Editorials

Farewell to 2 good-guys

Two of the good-guys in public safety are leaving their positions in Granite City next week. And, while the city's public safety is unlikely to collapse in their absence, it would be unfair to let them exit unheralded.

Police Chief Don Knight and Fire Chief Jerry Wallace each came to the top position in their respective departments in the midst of controversy. Both came out of the ranks of their departments to replace chiefs who in turn returned to the ranks of the departments as subordinates. Both Knight and Wallace were able to rise above the controversy and become first-rate leaders.

Wallace's goal for the Fire Department was to make it proactive rather than reactive. Through a variety of community programs, the department was able to take issues such as fire prevention and safety before the public and convince the public of their importance. At the same time, Wallace was able to hold together a department that, like all city departments, faced manpower shortages and financial turmoil.

Knight's term as chief began at about the same time that crack cocaine made his first appearance in the city. His special drug-enforcement team has been a tremendous success.

At the same time, Knight placed the department at the forefront of crime prevention and drug abuse prevention in the city with programs such as Granite City Drug-Free by 2000, Drug Abuse Resistance Education and a revitalized Neighborhood Watch program. As with Wallace, all of this was done while holding together a department short of manpower and money.

Knight's and Wallace's replacements will inherit departments with big problems — lack of manpower and money are problems that seem to be growing rather than shrinking. But Knight and Wallace will also leave their replacements an example of being able, while facing what seems to be impossible odds, to not only hold your own, but move forward.

Continuing that example is a tall order. So, while we wish the best of luck to Knight and Wallace, we wish even more luck to their replacements. Knight and Wallace have left them facing very high expectations.

DARE to do something

Throughout the recent mayoral campaign, candidates often discussed the importance of providing for the youth of the community.

The ideas were wide-ranging but nearly all candidates had high praise for programs through the local law enforcement agencies to educate youth on the dangers of drugs. By name, they mentioned the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and discussed its merits.

But the time for talk is over and it is not just the mayor's responsibility to make an effort to improve the lives of the youth of the community. Residents need to show support for a program that empowers to our young people that it is right to say "no" to the temptations of illegal drugs.

The DARE Committee is sponsoring a community-wide talent show at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Granite City High School auditorium. For \$1, residents can show their support for this essential and educational program, and enjoy the talents of local residents' presentations of country, classical and modern music and a little bit of magic.

The committee also will be selling "Granite City Drug Free by 2000" sweatshirts for \$10, for those who would like to make a bolder statement showing their support.

People can talk all they want about the problems of society today, and they can blame someone else for the actions of our youth. Or, they can do something about it and show support for the progress being made by an organization that DAREs to try to keep our children from using drugs.

Porkbusters, Durbin disagree

(By Robert Estill of Copley News Service)

The feud between U.S. Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Springfield, and the "Porkbusters Coalition" co-chaired by Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Naperville, has taken a turn for the nasty. Durbin branded the Porkbusters as "cheap-shot artists" in a speech to the National Food Processors Association and the Public Voice for Food and Health Policy.

Fawell countered that Durbin has "missed the point." As they did in two previous "fights," the Porkbusters are not attacking a bill, the prior year without full congressional scrutiny, Durbin was at odds with the Porkbusters before when he introduced his proposed Abraham Lincoln Center for Springfield on their cut list.

This time, the source of ire for Durbin, new chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's agriculture subcommittee, is the coalition's inclusion of agriculture research. "They vote billions for a space station that won't fly and every loony idea that the Pentagon ever dreamed of," Durbin said of the predominantly Republican coalition. "But when the federal government wants to dedicate resources for agricultural research, they mock the efforts."

Durbin cited a \$134,000 appropriation for the University of Illinois to study aflatoxin that is among 175 agriculture projects worth \$125 million that are included in the latest Porkbuster bill.

Durbin noted that aflatoxin is carcinogenic, toxic and causes extensive pre-harvest contamination in corn, cotton, peanuts and tree nuts. "Aflatoxin contamination can lead to serious economic losses for Midwestern farmers and also can threaten the health of humans and livestock," Durbin said. "It is vital that we continue to explore ways to control this deadly fungus."

Fawell said Durbin has "missed the point of what the Porkbusters are all about." Fawell said the coalition does not argue the merits or substance of projects, but whether they bypassed usual procedures. Most often, projects make the pork list because funds were appropriated without a companion bill authorizing the projects. In the case of agriculture research, there was no authorization and the projects were not reviewed by an authorizing committee of Congress.

Fawell noted that both he and Rep. Timothy Penny, D-Minn., the coalition co-chairman, voted against the space station. As for "loony" Pentagon ideas, Fawell noted that the largest area of proposed spending cuts in their nearly \$2-billion bill is the chopping of 40 Defense Department projects worth nearly \$556 million.

Fawell tried to downplay Durbin's "cheap-shot artists" description of the Porkbusters. "I think Dick is a bit emotional on the subject, and that he is not normally that way," Fawell said. "We all have our emotional outlets at times, and I guess he's having one."

After Supreme Court Justice Byron White announced his plans to retire, U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., sent copies of Simon's 1992 book, "Advice and Consent," to Attorney General Janis Reno. The Justice Department is likely to be suggesting candidates for White's replacement as well as evaluating potential nominees.

Simon also sent a copy of the book, which deals with the history of Supreme Court nomination battles, to a senior White House official who will be involved in the selection of White's replacement.

Simon, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, will review the nominees, also suggested that President Clinton seek the advice — and not just the consent — of the Senate on his nominee.



High-deductible health insurance proposed

Our guest

(This opinion piece is by Eric Charles Banfield, formerly an assistant treasurer with a foreign bank in Chicago. He is now a health-care policy analyst for The Heartland Institute.)

I lost my job — and my access to affordable health insurance — in late 1991.

The so-called "conversion privilege" in my employer-provided policy gave me only the "privilege" of paying an outrageously high premium for a policy I wouldn't buy if I had the choice.

What's wrong with the health insurance industry in this country, anyway? Unemployment gives one time to ponder such questions. The answer, I am convinced, lies not in the insurance industry at all, but in government's incessant tinkering with it.

Probably the most counterproductive tinkering is the federal government's tax treatment of health insurance premiums.

Health insurance is a tax-free benefit for employees. But those of us without employer-provided insurance don't get the same favorable treatment. Our premiums must be paid with after-tax dollars.

Federal, state and local governments take about 50 percent of our income every year. Those of us without employer-provided health insurance pay our own premiums out of what's left.

This means I must earn more than \$4,000 before I have enough

money left after taxes to buy a \$2,000 health insurance policy.

The tax laws encourage employers to provide their employees with insurance rather than wages, since the employer doesn't pay FICA (Social Security) taxes on insurance premiums.

Employees demand low-deductible, low-cost policies, since whatever is not covered by insurance must be paid with after-tax earned income. The average deductible on a health insurance policy in the U.S. is just \$200.

Relying on insurance to cover even small, routine expenses encourages overuse of health care by tens of millions of people. Once the low deductible is met, the insured has very little incentive to conserve on health-care spending. Before my unemployment, I was as guilty of overconsumption as any insured American.

I didn't hesitate to obtain "just in case" X-rays; I stretched out my chiropractic care for a couple of weeks; and I never asked a doctor how much a test or procedure would cost before approving it.

Over-reliance on insurance is responsible for many of the problems afflicting the health-

care industry today. Patients with insurance are ripe for overcharging and over-treatment. Inefficient hospitals and physicians face little price competition from more efficient providers.

And the escalating spending levels bid up the price of care so high that people without insurance can't afford care.

The overuse of health care is almost entirely for small, routine claims: an unnecessary doctor's appointment here, a prescription there.

The cost of processing these small claims is very high relative to the amount being paid to the care provider. It costs as much as \$50 to process a \$50 claim.

This is the real cause of much of the skyrocketing administrative costs for which hospitals and the insurance industry are blamed. The National Center for Policy Analysis estimates that \$4 billion a year could be saved in administrative costs if small charges were paid directly by patients rather than by insurers.

Having patients pay directly for small medical expenses also would reduce unnecessary consumption. Each of us would become a more discriminating consumer if we had to spend more of our own money when we entered a hospital or doctor's office.

Experts predict that raising the average deductible from \$200 to \$1,000 would lower annual

health-care spending by \$1.47 billion without adversely affecting our health.

To offset the sting of higher deductibles, tax policy should be changed to allow people to open Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs), similar in concept to IRAs (individual retirement accounts).

Contributions into the account would be tax deductible; spending from the account would be permitted only for health care. Individuals with MSAs could shift to low-premium, high-deductible health insurance policies, paying small bills from their MSA.

The benefits of such a simple reform would be far-reaching. Consumers would spend more wisely, assessing their health-care needs more carefully and checking prices. They would file fewer small claims, easing the paperwork burden on insurers and providers.

They'd stop patronizing high-cost, inefficient health-care providers, driving them from the marketplace.

When people lost their jobs, they wouldn't lose their access to health care. They could pay medical bills or buy interim insurance from their MSAs.

It's funny how being unemployed and uninsured made it easier for me to see how America's health-care system needs to be reformed. I hope the reader does not have to take the same route to understanding.

Letters

Objects to taxes funding abortion

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing this letter to strongly object to the use of federal tax dollars for abortion funding.

I find it reprehensible and I have never been so ashamed as I am now of my government.

I have listened for years to the arguments of the pro-choice crowd. They tell us that an unborn fetus is not an actual living person, that a woman has a right to choose life or death for her unborn baby.

I remain convinced that abortion is murder. Legal perhaps, but murder nonetheless. My situation is this: I do not want to be a part of murder, neither as a willing nor as an unwilling accomplice.

Yet, I am forced to finance state-sanctioned genocide. If I do not protest, then I feel that I am condoning this American version of "ethnic cleansing."

I am sure that the "Supreme Court" that I will someday face, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, will find me guilty as an accomplice in this crime if I remain silent.

There have been 30 million babies killed through legal abortions in this country. You must realize that this is five times more lives lost than were taken by Hitler and his Nazis during the Holocaust.

Is this an accomplishment that we Americans can take pride in? Will future generations record that, in the 20th Century, the United States fought two major wars for world peace, one of its citizens developed a cure for polio, as a nation they worked on overcoming racial prejudice...and, for reasons unknown, they freely practiced the sacrifice of their unborn children?

Many German citizens knew about the atrocities being committed by the leaders of their country. These good people were either too scared, too complacent, or in too much agreement with their leaders to protest.

Well, I am one American citizen

not afraid to disagree with a government that has consumed so much meat for the butcher's knife.

We, the people of this nation, are either the solution or part of the problem. Either our hands are raised in protest to this abomination, or they are helping to grip the surgical instruments that are daily murdering our unborn children.

I am, B. N. HORTON
Granite City

Swimming club promotes fitness

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to Wayne Hursey, George J. Matz and Guy Hancock for completing 50 miles as part of the Tri-City Area YMCA Milers' Club.

Thank you to Shoney's of Granite City for donating Soup and Salad Bar coupons to those who swim 50 miles. The Milers' Club was formed to promote good health and physical fitness.

Anyone interested in joining the Milers' Club should contact the YMCA, 2001 Edison Ave., or call 872-2200. The current enrollment is over 30 members.

BRIGITTA MODGLIN,
Tri-City Area YMCA

Opposes stand by two senators

TO THE EDITOR: I agree with (Madison County Treasurer) John Shinkus' letter about Sen. Simon and Sen. Moseley-Braun voting to allow AIDS-infected immigrants into the United States.

I find it appalling that these so-called representatives are willing to put more U.S. citizens at risk of contracting this disease by their vote to bring these people in.

In my opinion, all immigration to the United States should be stopped.

After the way some of the elected people act after they are in office, it makes me wish we had the privilege of recall elections.

Maybe the thought of recall would help straighten out their actions.

RAY DUNCAN
Caseville

Elementary band takes first place

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to Mrs. Davis, the band instructor, and to the Granite City grade school band on the recent winning of first place at the Organizational Center at Mascoutah.

According to Mrs. Davis, this is the first time in the history of the grade school band that we have gone to the organizational contest. Mostly, junior bands compete at this level.

She said this is a very good achievement and that she and she hoped the students would enjoy this unique experience.

The superintendent, board and School District 9 should be very proud of this accomplishment, as well as all of the parents and grandparents.

Mrs. Davis does a fine job with her band. They were very neatly dressed in uniforms and well-mannered. Very professional. Mrs. Davis has 100 children in the band.

Again, congratulations to all for a job well done. We will be expecting great things again next year.

WALLY DINK and
SHERRI SCURM
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Lifestyle

Funds going for equipment at Rehab Lab



Maxine Green

By Maxine Green
Correspondent

A Pulmonary Rehabilitation fund project was held recently, with David Shepperd, pulmonary therapist, in charge. Funds are going toward the purchase of equipment for the Rehab Lab at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Those who contributed time and prizes were Provide Medical, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Home Health, Abbey Home Health, Circuit City, Charlie Kyle, Karen Reising, Betty Shepperd, Deb Williams, Pat Schrader, Olga Vizer, Pearl Kamadulski, Orval Femmer, James Noe, Margaret Utz, Elsie Skaggs, Mary Terry and Ken Lane.

Prizes were won by Tom McGinty, bicycle; Stephanie Simons, clock radio with phone; Patsy Wilkinson and Karen Reising, Olive Garden gift certificates; Marilyn Schaffner and Cindy Davison, baseball tickets; Bev Davis, hand-painted sweatshirt; Curtis Dean and Brenda Smith, decorated wall hats; Linda Wilson, free tire rotation.

Betty Buzzard and Pat Scoggins, hand-made dolls; Sue Rani, Walkman cassette; Doneta Price, decorated wall basket; John C. Smith and Candy Kawula, decorated wall fans; Lisa Krug and Louise Justice, potpourri houses; and Lucille Martin, Lee Thebeau and Darla Sleska, SEMC teddy bears.

Prizes were selected during the Better Breathers' meeting in April. A business session was held with Carol Smith, coordinator, announcing the next meeting will be held May 11 in the Wisconsin Room, with lunch at 1 p.m. A Kinniswick trip will be held May 18, leaving from the hospital at 9:30 a.m.

A luncheon was served to Carol Smith, Ellen Knackstedt, Freddy McIlroy, Pauline Holman, Cherry Huestede, Debra Rapien, Billy Uhl, John Berres, Jack Smith, Elzie Evans, Pearl Kamadulski, Imogene Johnson, Frank and Shirley Wendel, Ruth Smith, Dottie Martin, Carolyn Maxwell, Lucille Martin, Maxine Green, Florence Buehner, Orval Femmer and Kenny Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Pat) Westers have returned home from Norfolk, Va.

They met their son, Machinist Mate Christopher Westers, when the ship he is stationed on, the John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier, docked.

The carrier returned from a six-month cruise in the Mediterranean Sea and the Adriatic Sea. The Kennedy carrier was on the alert and participated in night flights, keeping watch on the Bosnia and surrounding areas.

Chris also visited in Rome, Trieste, saw the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Pompeii and Naples in Italy, the Alps mountains and went skiing on the in Austria. He visited the port of Mar-seilles and the Eiffel Tower in Paris, but said, "There's no place like the good old USA."

Returning home with his parents, he spent two weeks on leave and now has returned to his ship.

Creative Women of the Madison County Home Extension Association held their April meeting in the home of Mickey Strack, opening with the pledge of allegiance.

After a discussion, plans were finalized to tour the Bunch Brewery with all the other Homemakers units by van on May 3.

The lesson, "Strive for Better Health," was given by Judy Baker and Joanna Spencer. They prepared the meal and then served it to Arla Ault, Karen Nelson, Becky Lewis, Donna Warren, Martha Lowell, Gail Fritsche, Diane Gephart, Linda Badger and Sylvia Massman.

The Lydia Society of Mount Zion Baptist Church will be hosting a Women's Self Defense Seminar at the church on Tuesday, May 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Officer Mike Sparks of the Granite City Police Department will be the instructor, discussing how to effectively avoid becoming a target. All women, 16 years or older, may attend.

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 891-6256.

For 5 residents, it was 'Christmas in April'



Paul Miller, a volunteer with Madison County Home Builders, measures siding at a home on Cayuga Street in Granite City.



Volunteers paint an outside basement wall on Iowa Street. From left are Shannon Flanigan, Shawna Flanigan, Lucinda Schmidt and Jim Seiz.

(Staff photos by
PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Volunteers fix up homes

By Cheryl K. Friedman
Correspondent

The sign propped up in the front yard of Edna Jackson's home on Iowa Street read "Christmas in April." Curious neighbors looked out their windows in astonishment as more than a dozen workers broke up concrete, replaced gutters, reglazed windows and put a new roof on her porch.

"I think the neighbors are beginning to gossip," Jackson said as she sat in her kitchen under direct orders to relax.

Her home was one of five in the area being refurbished Saturday and Sunday during the Christmas in April project, sponsored by the Energy Assistance Foundation.

Eligibility for the project is based on income and ability to make repairs. Jackson said she is not able to make the repairs herself and could not afford to pay someone to do them.

"I'm telling you, it's wonderful," she said. "I just don't have the income to do it and I have nobody to do it."

Jackson, a widow who suffers from arthritis, said she learned about the project through her church and felt extremely

fortunate to be involved in the program.

When she learned she had been chosen, she "started getting tears in my eyes," she said.

"I'm not really an emotional person, but when you need something so badly..."

The major problem at Jackson's home was a continually flooded basement, a result of deteriorating gutters and driveway on the home.

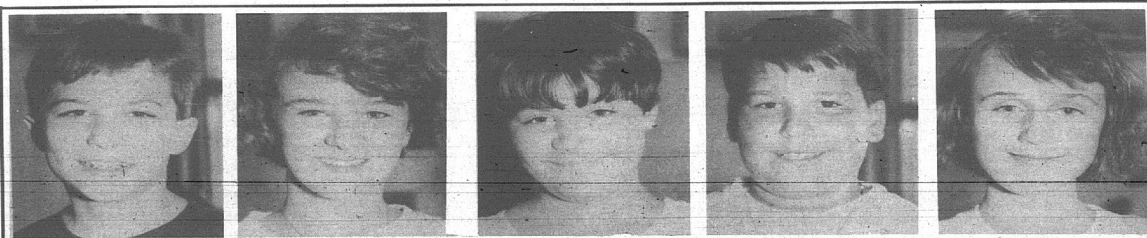
"We're just trying to eliminate that," said Bob Simon of Coldwell Star Banker realtors, who was busy in Jackson's front yard digging a new pathway for guttering to be drained away from the house and out to the edge of the yard. He pointed to the area next to Jackson's front porch where rainwater normally creates a pool that eventually ends up in the basement of the home.

Simon, working with Judine Lux, also of Coldwell Banker, said that without the donation of labor and material from area companies, the project could not succeed. Volunteers were mostly from area businesses, such as D.W. Brown Realtors, Madison County Title and Guardian

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Volunteers for the Christmas in April group work on installing siding at a home in Granite City.



Jacob Kamphoefner

Jamie Ellis

Jeremy Oswald

Joey Willis

Brandi Hamilton

YOUTH FOCUS: If you were a book, what kind of book would you be? Why?

(Asked of students at Maryville School in Granite City and Madison Middle School.)

Jacob Kamphoefner, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a political money management book because we could finally solve our nation's money problems."

Jamie Ellis, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a diary because people would trust me to their deepest, darkest secrets."

Jeremy Oswald, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a cook book. I like to cook and teach other people how to cook."

Joey Willis, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a joke book because I like to make other people laugh."

Brandi Hamilton, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a history book. I would be a history book so I could know things that happened long ago and before I was born."

Aquale Crawford, Madison
"My title would be called 'Only if I Had Three Wishes.' I would like to have three wishes because I would wish for three more wishes on my last wish."

Lisa White, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would want to be a world history book because I love to read and learn about American history."

Lori Adair, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a scary and gory book because I love to get scared, and I love watching or reading gory things."

Stephanie Rimmer, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be an encyclopedia, because I am so intelligent."

Sara Hull, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a social studies book because you will have knowledge to share with children everywhere."

Kenny Lynch, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a race car book, so kids could see how to race."

Anthony Gregory, Madison
"If I were a book, I would be a joke book because I like to joke around."

Ebony Robinsons, Madison
"If I were a book, I would be an instruction book because I would like to help people with what they need to do."

James Andrew, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be R.L. Stine books because I like scary and mysterious things."

John Hayden, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be Superman, because there is a lot of adventure in flying."

Dawn Corsey, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be about horses because I love to ride."

David Moore, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a comic book because I like funny stories."

Benny Lofink, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a shark book. I like sharks, and I want other people to like sharks."

Andre Jenkins, Madison
"I would like to be a Martin Luther King book, so people would read me for educational reasons and learn about history."

Danielle Pointer, Madison
"I would be a passion book, so I can be full of love the rest of my life."

Amanda Pashea, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a sports book because I like sports."

Mitch Fanning, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a mystery because I like suspense."

Matt Mercer, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be 'Sports Illustrated' because I like sports, and I love baseball."

Nathan Moore, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a joke book because I like laughs."

Tony Jones, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be a mystery because you never know what the ending will be like. You're like the detective trying to find the solution of the story. Sometimes I feel like skipping to the end of the book, but I put myself in the detective's shoes."

Brian Melson, Madison
"If I were a book, I would be an adventure book, because I love adventure."

Amanda Needham, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' because I wanted to be Buffy and would like to kill the vampire."

Daniel Winkle, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be an adventure book because I like adventure."

Jason Stroder, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be 'TV Guide.' I like to watch TV, and I would always know what's on TV."

Aaron Howard, Granite City
"If I were a book, I would be 'Treasure Island' because it has adventures and is exciting."

Nick Thomas, Granite City
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By Pam Doepke-Hurd.

Obituaries

Carl Schwiwerjohn

Carl D. Schwiwerjohn, 77, of Granite City, died at 10:04 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He had been ill for one year and in the hospital for two weeks.

Born Feb. 17, 1916 in Carlyle, Ill., he was a retired laborer and had worked for Laborers Local 397 for 42 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a Golden Eagle in Eagles Aerie 1126. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Schwiwerjohn of Edwardsville and David Schwiwerjohn of Granite City; a daughter, Carol French of Godfrey; a stepson, James Williams of Pontoon Beach; a stepdaughter, Judy Pearson in Tucson, Ariz.; two brothers, Cyril Schwiwerjohn of Carlyle and Cornelius Schwiwerjohn of Ferguson, Mo.; two sisters, Dolores Beckman of Germantown, Ill., and Esther Heideman of Black Jack, Mo., and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence Schwiwerjohn, and his parents, Antone Schwiwerjohn and Catherine (Hodapp) Schwiwerjohn.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Marvynville Road. An prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. and an Eagles service will be held at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Bill Fisher presiding. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or Masses to the church.

Oras Howell

Oras Howell, 84, of Marion, Ill., died April 15, 1993, in his home. Survivors include his daughter, Jean Corzine of Granite City; a grandson, Dusty Ragdale of Granite City; a granddaughter,

Kenna Knight of Collinsville; and three great-grandchildren, one Ragdale of Granite City and Shalee and Tyler Knight, both of Collinsville.

Funeral services were held April 18 in Marion.

Alos Shelton

Alos H. Shelton, 88, of Venice died at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, 1993, at his home. He was born April 15, 1905, in Lutesville, Mo.

Mr. Shelton retired in 1967 from the Bi-State Transit System after 35 years as a bus driver. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his daughter, Jane Shelton of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez (Benner) Shelton; one daughter, Marjorie Jo Ann Shelton; and his parents, Charles and Rose Shelton.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Stash Trash campaign Saturday

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Stash Trash campaign this Saturday with all activities scheduled to begin at Wilson Park at 8:30 a.m.

The event was originally scheduled April 17 but persistent spring rains left the area to be cleaned too full of water for the cleanup to be effective, organizers said.

Participants and community groups participate in the annual event, cleaning up areas around businesses, public buildings, and along roads and highways in the area.

Participants are treated to a picnic lunch at Wilson Park after the clean up is complete. Team captains with any questions should call the chamber office at 876-6400. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to meet at the park in the morning.

Kathy Andria, of the organization Homeowners Energized for Lincoln Place (HEELP), said that group will meet at the Lincoln Place Community Center at 9 a.m. All residents of Lincoln Place are welcome to help out.

Trivia

'Granite City Steel' became a division of National Steel Corp. in 1971. National Steel became a joint venture of National Steel and Nippon Kokan in 1984. In 1990, NKK became 70 percent owned by National Steel and NKK held the remaining 30 percent.

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kid?" Sandy Brandon asked the board members. "They love this school and they don't want to leave. I'm afraid their grades would go down."

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Knigh was appointed. The sources also said that Selph is having difficulty in choosing a replacement for Walcott. The sources said a large number of applicants for the job.

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Farmers worry about spring planting

local Red Cross office.

The Salvation Army has served 2,500 meals to flood victims in Granite City, said Capt. David Corliss, commander of the Alton Salvation Army.

Across the area, more than 200,000 acres of corn land remain unseeded and soaked from nearly 6 inches of rain this month.

Fields may not be dry enough to plant corn until early May, farm advisers said. "It's the wettest spring planting time that I can remember," said Ray Gilvillo of the Madison County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Last year, Madison County farmers had sowed most of the corn seed by April 21.

"This year, they haven't plant-

ed a kernel of corn on 75,000 acres," Gilvillo said.

Farmers are itching to start spreading seed in the soil, he said. "If the fields ever dry, they'll go full throttle to finish the planting."

They are coming off a record harvest of corn and soybeans last fall, Gilvillo said. "They're hoping for another good crop."

But late planting could cut corn yields during the fall harvest, he said. "If they don't get seed in the soil by May 10, they could lose many bushels in the fall."

Across Illinois, only 1 percent of the corn has been planted this spring, said Mike Clark of the Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service. "Fields are wet all over the state."

Prather would have been used for early-childhood classes. Three- and four-year-old children of the area could be enrolled in the classes, free of charge, he said.

Principals from Lake and Wilson grade schools addressed the parents present and reassured them of the quality of their schools.

Both told the parents they welcome any Prather grade school children with open arms.

Davis, the Prather principal, was also asked to give his thoughts on the reorganization. "A real tie is very unpopular to disrupt people's lives," Davis said. "I understand that."

It's a very tough decision. I feel sure that (the board members) will look at everything in both viewpoints and make the best decision.

Mike Myers of the Journal staff contributed information in this story.

departments had been discussed. Fanning has reportedly been offered a job with a St. Louis law firm, and is waiting to see what her options are, one source said.

Melton will reportedly be appointed to the Board of Five and Police Commissioners.

A related attempt earlier this year to re-appoint Melton to the post failed when the City Council refused to confirm the appointment. While Melton's term expired almost a year ago, his replacement was named nor was he presented for re-appointment until early this year.

Melton has been serving on a temporary basis since the failed confirmation vote.

Wade will reportedly be replaced as civil defense director by former Street Superintendent Mac Warfield, who is currently employed at the Metro East Sanitary District.

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Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BEIDE, Charlotte M. (Spalding), 94, of Granite City died at 12:55 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 1993, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Leckrone. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

BONNIVAR, Lena L. (Hooks), 94, of Granite City died at 5:10 a.m. Monday, April 26, 1993, at Madison County Nursing Home, Edwardsville. Visitation was held Tuesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, where services were held Wednesday by the Rev. Carl Watkins. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to American Cancer Society.

JONES, John Henry, 85, of Mount Olive, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:16 p.m. Friday, April 23, 1993, at St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield. Services were held Monday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

MICK, Mickey, 77, of Granite City died at 5:02 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at home. Visitation was held Friday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Mass was celebrated

Saturday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Robert DeGrand. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Masses to the church are suggested as memorials.

MORRISON, Victor R. Sr., 74, of Granite City, formerly of Sparta, died at 6 p.m. Friday, April 23, 1993, at Freeburg Care Center. Services were held Monday at Wilson Funeral Home, Tilden, Ill., by the Rev. Dennis Hamilton. Burial was at Tilden City Cemetery.

SONNENBERG, Hilda Ruth (Thomson), 84, of Granite City died at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Private visitation was held Thursday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Graveside services were held Saturday by the Rev. Richard Etheridge at Jones Ridge Cemetery, Delaplaine, Ark.

THOMAS, John E. "Dusty," 65, of Glen Carbon died at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 1993, at Edwardsville Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Glen Carbon, by the Rev. Allan Zecher. Burial was at Glen Carbon City Cemetery. Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville handled arrangements. Memorials to American Cancer Society or St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Glen Carbon.

THURAU, Hazel Irene (Davis), 79, of Granite City died at 11:41 a.m. Friday, April 23, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Ralph Totten. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Niederrhein Methodist Church, Granite City.

WAELEITZ, W. Fred, 57, of Granite City died at 1:23 a.m. Friday, April 23, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Les Johnson. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials to Clark Avenue Church of Christ.

WATKINS, Dorothy P. (Carly), 77, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, April 25, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the donor's choice.

WELLS, Joe E., 54, of Granite City died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 1993, at home. His remains were cremated. Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, handled arrangements.

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Amvets Auxiliary makes visit to veterans' hospital

The regular meeting of Amvets Auxiliary was called to order by President Betty Wilkins. Chaplain Ann Tucker gave the opening prayer and Sergeant-at-Arms Donna Westbrook led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Mary Breeze read the minutes of the last meeting and all the correspondence.

President Wilkins announced "Because We Care Day" is being held in April, with Amvets and Auxiliary 51 members visiting Jefferson Barracks Hospital. Patients were to be given a t-shirt and an insulated mug, refreshments served and bingo played for cash prizes.

Membership Chairperson Ethel Weibacher reported membership has reached a total of 86 members.

Two thank-you letters were read from OATH. The clients enjoyed the refreshments furnished by Auxiliary 51 for the Valentine's Day party and the monthly birthday party in March.

Child Welfare Chairperson Barbara Copeland reported that all proceeds from the cake walk, held at the Valentines Day party, have been sent to John Tracy Clinic. Copeland also reported a donation has been sent to Target Dottie.

Americanism SOS Chairperson Bonnie Leibold reported that a donation of \$100 worth of supplies have been delivered to the USO at Lambert Air Field.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Edna Jackson talks with Bob Simon during the repairs on her home.

Christmas

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Savings Bank. Concrete and the time it took to deliver it were donated by Kienstra.

While Jackson's home needed mostly to be freed of standing water, Dora Keel's home on Edwards Street needed a variety of more minor repairs. Volunteers there replaced a leaky faucet, put a new beam in her basement, repaired a screen door, resealed a window in her kitchen and sprayed for termites.

Like Jackson, Keel was very pleased with the results.

"I think it's so great that they'll do that for someone," she said. "I've been a widow so long — what I had then is long gone."

She said the volunteers seemed to be happy to be giving up a sunny Saturday morning to help her.

"They seemed to have so much enthusiasm," she said.

"They just smiled and worked."

A total of \$2,700 was contributed to the Energy Assistance Foundation to help weatherize and repair the homes. The foundation is funded by donations from Illinois Power customers and a grant from IP.

This was the second year the foundation has contributed to the Christmas in April program, which is sponsored by the Tri-Cities Area and the Granite City Board of Realtors.

To Jackson, who was happy to relax at her kitchen table and let the neighbors talk, having the repairs done was quite a relief.

"It's just really a God-send," she said.

Vital statistics

Following is the monthly report of vital statistics in Madison County issued through the office of County Clerk Evelyn M. Bowles:

MARCH	1993	1992
Births —		
Males	125	113
Females	130	107
Total	255	220
Twins (sets)	1	0
Deaths	201	211
Marriages	126	118

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J.J. Busch nails siding on a home.

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Frequently parents will contact this office and indicate that their child has been hurt at school. They wonder if the school district is liable for injuries sustained by the child during normal school hours. The answer to this question depends upon the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Teachers, school officials and school districts generally will be held liable for personal injuries sustained by students during school activities only if there is willful and wanton misconduct. Willful and wanton misconduct is that act intentionally done or that act taken in reckless disregard of the consequences. When teachers are exercising disciplinary and supervisory authority, they will not be subject to ordinary negligence actions. In one recent case, a fourth grader was in a school gymnasium with the rest of his class practicing for a Christmas program. The class was dismissed from the gym and told to return to the classroom. The fourth grade teacher told the pupils to get a drink, go to the restroom, and then return to their seats in the classroom. The teacher stood in an area between the classroom and the restrooms to watch the children in both directions. One boy, who was

among the first to return to the classroom tripped and was hit in the eye with another student's pencil. The boy eventually lost sight in his eye.

The boy brought suit against the teacher and the school district alleging willful and wanton misconduct in connection with his injury. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the school district and the teacher. The plaintiff then took the case on appeal.

The Appellate Court noted that the plaintiff was unsupervised in the classroom for a period of five to ten minutes because the teacher was in the hallway. In this case, the fourth grade teacher was standing 15 to 20 feet outside the classroom door watching as best she could both the children in the classroom and those getting water and using the restrooms. The Appellate Court felt that she could not be in both places at once and that she was merely following her normal course of conduct. The Court noted that there was no evidence of willful and wanton misconduct on the part of the defendant since the teacher cannot be expected to supervise each and every child at all times while in school.

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Schedule

Thursday, April 29
BASEBALL: Granite City at Belleville East, 4:15 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Belleville East at Granite City, 5:15 p.m.

Friday, April 30
GIRLS SOCCER: Granite City vs. Parkway West at St. Dominic Tournament, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Granite City boys at Marion Relays, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 1
BASEBALL: Granite City at Centralia (DB), 12 p.m.
TRACK: Granite City boys at Marion Relays, 4 p.m.

Monday, May 3
GIRLS SOCCER: Granite City at Duchesne, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4
TRACK: Cahokia, Gateway, Christian, Grace Christian and Marion boys, 3:30 p.m.
Madison girls at Roxana Relays, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5
BASEBALL: Granite City at Francis Howell North, 4:15 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Granite City at Belleville West, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 6
TRACK: Madison girls at O'Fallon Relays, 3:30 p.m.
Granite City girls at St. Dominic Tournament, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER: Granite City at Hazelwood Central, 4 p.m.
BASEBALL: Belleville East at Granite City (DB), 12 p.m.
SOFTBALL: Granite City at Belleville East, 4:15 p.m.

Pitching staff proving steady for Warrior baseball squad

Granite City earns wins over Cahokia, Althoff

By Scott Wuerz
Correspondent

A deep pitching staff has been the key in preventing bad weather and a crowded schedule from raining on the Warrior baseball team's parade.

The Warriors, who have played seven games in seven days, have been led by a tough bullpen. It has kept them in the Southwestern Conference race, coach Bob Stegemeier said.

Granite City improved its record to 10-5 this week with strong performances from hurlers Jeff Ridenour and Jason Black. Ridenour picked up the victory in Wednesday's 9-6 victory over Althoff.

The Warriors defeated Cahokia 4-3 on Tuesday with Black on the mound in his first start of the season.



Black

Ridenour

Black, a junior, pitched five innings and gave up only three hits and one earned run. The Comanches, however, committed four errors, and all of Granite City's runs were unearned.

Stegemeier said the Warriors were simply more fortunate than Cahokia in a game that was played poorly defensively.

"Jason Black is a good pitcher, so we weren't surprised by

his strong performance," Stegemeier said. "But when a team commits four errors, it doesn't expect to win."

Stegemeier said he was much more pleased with his squad's win over Althoff.

"Our pitching has been pretty consistent this season," Stegemeier said. "But our hitting was better (against Althoff) than it has been for a while."

Althoff took a one-run lead in the first inning and posted a pair of runs in the second inning and four in the third.

Both of the Warriors' second-inning runs were scored with two out. Brian Kohler started the rally with a single. Center fielder Larry Mosby drove in Kohler with a double and scored on a single by Marc Patton.

Granite City starter Joe Rieser (See WARRIORS, Page 28)



(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Warrior outfielder Jason Maxfield lays down a bunt.

Trojans, Warriors third at County meet

Madison boys, girls excel at Collinsville

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

As expected, Highland ran away with the boys and girls Green Division titles Tuesday night at the Madison County Track Meet in Collinsville.

But Madison High showed similar balance, taking third place in both the boys and girls standings. The Trojans posted 98 points to finish behind Triad (103 pts.) and Highland (140), while the Trojanettes produced 84½ points to finish behind Roxana (110) and Highland (202).

Madison boys coach Charles Steptoe said he was pleased to see his team win five events and place second in four others. With a little more depth, the Trojans could have finished second.

"Since we're not in a conference, we look at the Madison County Meet as kind of an unofficial conference meet," Steptoe said. "We're trying to get a good account of where we're at."

"I think our boys worked hard. We had some good efforts."

Senior sprinter Robert Weathers edged Roxana's Erik Scott in the 100-meter dash by less than

Madison County Meet

Green Division Boys
Team scores
1. Highland 140; 2. Triad 103; 3. Madison 98; 4. Roxana 87; 5. Wood River 62; 6. Metro East Lutheran 27; 7. Civic Memorial 24.

Individual results
100 — 1. Weathers (MD) 11.3; 2. Scott (IS) 11.5; 3. Watson (HI) 11.6; 200 — 1. Scott (R) 22.3; 2. Weathers 22.7; 3. Scott (R) 23.0; 400 — 1. Scott (R) 50.2; 2. Buss (HI) 52.0; 3. Young (M) 53.4; 800 — 1. Tomlin (HI) 2:05.4; 2. Nohr (I) 2:06.6; 3. Hult (T) 2:10.2; 1600 — 1. Kombrink (H) 4:36.6; 2. Vinyard (W) 4:44.5; 3. Tomlin (H) 4:50.0; 3200 — 1. Vinyard (W) 9:55.6; 2. Kombrink (H) 10:15.5; 3. Jenkins (T) 10:26.5; 110 High Hurdles — 1. Larsen (HI) 15.3; 2. Wyatt (C) 16.5; 3.

Trask (R) 16.9; 300 Low Hurdles — 1. Larsen (HI) 40.6; 2. Trask (R) 42.0; 3. Wyatt (C) 42.2.
High Jump — 1. Shemwell (H) 6-6; 2. Jones (M) 5-10; 3. Soden (T) 5-0.
Long Jump — 1. Scott (HI) 30-11; 2. Russell (M) 29-5; 3. McMichael (M) 28-8.
Shot Put — 1. Sprengel (M) 46-9; 2. Hall (M) 45-4; 3. Hodge (R) 42-6; 4. Discus — 1. Sprengel (M) 127-11; 2. Hodge (R) 125-3; 3. Prange (W) 114-11; Triple Jump — 1. Butler (M) 39-4; 2. Whipple (W) 39-5; 3. Cigliana (T) 38-5.
4x100 — 1. Madison 1:44.2; 2. Highland 1:54.4; 3. Triad 1:54.7; 4. Madison 1:54.7; 3. Triad 1:50.2; 4x300 — 1. Highland 3:50.3; 2. Triad 3:54.2; 4x400 — 1. Highland 3:50.3; 2. Triad 3:54.2; 4x800 — 1. Highland 8:15.5; 2. Triad 8:15.5; 4x1600 — 1. Highland 16:30.3; 2. Triad 16:30.3; 4x3200 — 1. Highland 32:00.3; 2. Triad 32:00.3; 4x6400 — 1. Highland 64:00.3; 2. Triad 64:00.3; 4x12800 — 1. Highland 128:00.3; 2. Triad 128:00.3; 4x25600 — 1. Highland 256:00.3; 2. Triad 256:00.3; 4x51200 — 1. Highland 512:00.3; 2. Triad 512:00.3; 4x102400 — 1. Highland 1024:00.3; 2. Triad 1024:00.3; 4x204800 — 1. Highland 2048:00.3; 2. Triad 2048:00.3; 4x409600 — 1. Highland 4096:00.3; 2. Triad 4096:00.3; 4x819200 — 1. Highland 8192:00.3; 2. Triad 8192:00.3; 4x1638400 — 1. Highland 16384:00.3; 2. Triad 16384:00.3; 4x3276800 — 1. Highland 32768:00.3; 2. Triad 32768:00.3; 4x6553600 — 1. Highland 65536:00.3; 2. Triad 65536:00.3; 4x13107200 — 1. Highland 131072:00.3; 2. Triad 131072:00.3; 4x26214400 — 1. 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•Lady Warriors

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Dame, Howell North and Parkway West.

The other bracket consists of St. Dominic, Aquinas-Mercy, Hazelwood Central and Parkway Central. The top two teams from each bracket will play for the tournament title Saturday.

The Lady Warriors will play Parkway West at 4 p.m. Friday. They still have a chance to play for third place.

"We've got to get our act back together," Baker said.

The loss to Howell North was marked by sluggish play in the first half. The Lady Warriors were outshot 4-3, and Howell North had the best scoring opportunity mark when Tracy Grose was stopped by goalkeeper Stephanie Kulk at the left post.

Howell North coach Dan Hogan said his team addressed the slow pace of the game at halftime.

"I thought the play was kind of even in the first half," Hogan said. "I thought we had more scoring opportunities, but it was

back and forth.

"We had a talk at halftime about getting more aggressive. Everyone was just standing around."

The Knights came out much stronger in the second half and threatened to score several times before Brittney Russell connected at 56:06. Tammy Monso came down the left side and fed Russell in the middle, and Russell beat Kulk to the right side of the net.

The Knights kept up the pressure and scored again less than five minutes later at 60:29. Emily Stevens forced a turnover near midfield and passed to Grose, who came in alone on Kulk and one defender to score.

"She can find ways to score," Hogan said. "She just won the ball and put it in with less than 20 minutes to play. The Lady Warriors rallied, but it turned out to be too late."

With time running out, Granite City earned a corner kick and converted it into a goal as Tammy Dutko found Knox open

in front of the net. The goal came at 78:03, and the Knights simply ran out the rest of the clock.

"That was a great goal," Baker said. "We needed to push like that earlier. It was quiet on our part the whole game. They came out strong."

It was a frustrating end for the Lady Warriors, who struggled but still earned the praise of Hogan.

Hogan said he thought the sudden emergence of hot weather Wednesday afternoon had something to do with the way the game went.

"I think the heat took a lot out of both teams, and they maybe tired out faster," Hogan said. "We might have been able to hold out a little longer."

"You have to give them credit. They're a skilled team, and they move the ball well. They came back and never quit."

But Baker was hardly satisfied with Granite City's lackluster effort. The Lady Warriors will try to end their brief losing streak against Parkway West.

"We're going to do some different things," Baker said.



Lady Warrior senior Michelle Knox scored her team's only goal in Wednesday's loss at Francis Howell North.

Volleyball clinic forms at GCHS

Registration forms for the 1993 Granite City volleyball clinics, which will be held in June, are now available at GCHS.

Lady Warrior volleyball coach Cindy Gaglio and assistant Chris Byer will conduct the junior high clinic.

The high school clinic will again be directed by Julie Paska, the NCAA Division I All-American who served as head coach at Illinois Wesleyan and as an assistant at both Northern Illinois and Illinois State. Paska, who played at Illinois State, is entering her third year with the clinic.

There will be four days of sessions for the high school clinic, beginning Wednesday, June 23 and ending Saturday, June 26. The times are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. the first three days and then 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, when tournament play will be held.

The high school clinic is for incoming freshmen through current juniors.

Paska will be assisted by current or former Division I athletes. The cost of the clinic is \$70 per person, and checks should be made payable to Gaglio.

The junior high clinic will consist of two three-hour sessions on Monday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 22. The sessions will be held 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. both days. The clinic is for boys and girls entering sixth, seventh and eighth grade in the fall. The cost is \$20. The registration deadline for both clinics is May 21. All participants must have proof of a physical.

•Tri-City

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purchase of a ticket at the Speedway.

Allied Auto Racing Association fans, as well as new fans, will thrill to the sight of The Legend and Andy Don Klein racing on the huge half-mile dirt track. He raced it in the 1960s when Tri-City first opened its gates. And today, with over 370 Allied feature wins in the Ste. Genevieve, Mo., driver's career, Klein says he can't wait to race it again.

"I'm really going to like this," Klein said after a recent practice session at the Speedway. "I like a flat track anyway. I like to pop those things and get 'em into the corner and get on going."

The track is smooth. I couldn't believe how smooth it was all the way around. I'm looking forward to it, yes sir."

Minor adjustments to his Ford Thunderbird Modified were all Klein needed to find the fast way around.

"We were pretty close when we got here," he said. "We changed just a few things on the car, not too much, and we'll probably be working on it all year like we always do. By May 1, we'll be ready to go."

Special events planned for the Speedway include three World of Outlaw events: Wednesday, May 12, Saturday, July 17 and Monday, August 16. Former St. Louisan Ken Schrader returns with the NASCAR All Star Tour for Late Models on Wednesday, June 23.

Reserved seat tickets for the World of Outlaws events are on sale and can be purchased from Racetix at (314) 468-9666. Tri-City Speedway is located one-quarter mile south of I-270 on Illinois Route 303.

•Warriors

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lasted 3½ innings and allowed five runs on seven hits before giving way to Ridenour. Ridenour allowed one run on four hits the rest of the way to improve to 1-2.

Stegemeier said he was pleased to see the Warriors eliminate the fielding mistakes that nearly cost his team Tuesday's game.

"We only allowed one unearned run in the game," Stegemeier said. And eliminating mental mistakes keeps you in the ballgame and gives you a chance to win."

The Warriors' two victories pushed them to 4-3 over the seven-game stretch, but Stegemeier said his team must continue to improve in order to have a chance at winning the Southwestern Conference title.

"It would be tough to imagine winning in a conference as tough as (ours) with three or more losses," Stegemeier said.

Granite City will play a makeup game at Belleville East at 4:15 p.m. today.

St. Louis Outlaws holding tryouts

Tryouts for the 1993 St. Louis Outlaws football team will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the soccer park off I-44 and Elm in St. Louis. Anyone interested should bring cleats and \$20. For more information, call Charlie Yarber at 451-0183.

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•Tennis

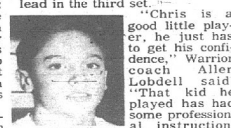
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Moore, who pulled out a three-set victory over Mitchell last season, held on after taking a 5-0 lead in the third set.

"It's tough because our No. 2 and No. 4 players are out, so we have to push everybody up in line," Collinsville coach Barry Wilbur said. "But Granite City is the best team we've played so far. We played Edwardsville last week, but Granite City looks a lot better this year than in years past."

Despite a pulled rib cage muscle, Granite City freshman Joseph Markel won his match at No. 2 singles. Markel, who has been battling the injury since the Warriors' match against Belleville West last week, beat Ogle in straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

The most competitive match of the day came at No. 4 singles. Granite City's Chris Mitchell won the first set 7-5 over Todd Moore, but lost 7-5, 6-3 in a contest that lasted over two hours.



Mitchell

athletic ability. It's too bad because I really wanted that match for him."

The Warriors breezed through the rest of the singles matches. At No. 3, Sumil Kumar won 6-1 over Tim McKay; Sternberg topped Bob Szededy at No. 5, 7-5, 6-4; and Jason Smith, making his first singles appearance

in more than a week because of a suspension, beat Ryan Fallue at No. 6 singles 6-3, 6-0.

"I was a little rusty, but I think I'm back in the groove," Smith said. "My serve was on, I had very few double faults. It's nice to finally get a conference win."

Smith also teamed with Mitchell at No. 3 doubles, winning 6-3, 6-2 over Szededy and Fallue. Markel and Kumar won at No. 2 doubles 6-4, 6-3 against McKay and Moore.

Granite City is riding a four-match win streak. The Warriors shut out McCluer North last Friday and beat Highland on Monday before capturing a victory Tuesday over Edwardsville. The match against the Tigers was picked up where it was left off after it was interrupted by rain earlier this season.

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Salon 53 plans Chapeau Party for next month

Madison County Salon 53 of the Eight and Forty met at Alton American Legion Home 126 for a luncheon hosted by Adeline Drury, Florence Horn and Marie Bivens of Alton and Elsie Vierage and Cheryl Brydie of Bethalto. Fifteen members were present.

Following lunch, a business meeting was conducted by Shirley Landolt Chapeau of Alton. Georgia Pollard, Pouvoir member, reported the spring meeting would be held in Galesburg, with Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hillmer, Shirley Landolt, Adeline Drury, Kathryn Roberts, Judy Zimmerman, Marjorie Rosenthal and Georgia Pollard attending.

Kathryn Roberts, Children and Youth chairperson, reported having 15 cloth dittybags filled with many items for children to be sent to the National Jewish Hospital in Denver.

Members were asked to bring stuffed pillows or large toys to aid the Gateway Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis. Donations for Camp Superkids, sponsored for asthmatic children by the American Lung Association, were taken to be sent to the state group. A donation was made for a Mother's Day Cystic Fibrosis tea.

Plans were discussed for a "tasting party of salads and desserts" to be held in May in Highland.

Contributions were made to the Nurses Scholarship Fund.

Two new partners were accepted into the Salon: Frances Elbeck and Dorothy Sooy, both of Edwardsville.

Plans were made for the Chapeau Party to be held in May at the Innkeeper's Restaurant in Hamel. Martha Tunson, departmental chapeau from Markham, Ill., will be a special guest.

A penny march was held as Irish songs were sung for St. Patrick's Day. Games were enjoyed and singing was led by Marjorie Rosenthal.

Attending from this area were Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hillmer, Frances Cowley, Mary Ballentine and Loretta Ziegler.

The next meeting was set for Venice-Madison Post 307.

Chapter learns about 'early Granite City'

Twelve members of the Drusilla Andrews Chapter of the DAR gathered on March 20 in the home of Georgia Fiedler for a breakfast meeting.

Regent Linda Koenig Muzell led the group through the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting. Sandra Wilkinson read the President General's message and Audrey Sperry presented the national defense topic.

Emma Schoen reported on visiting with the national President General, Mrs. Donald S. Blair, at the Illinois State Conference held in Effingham, March 12-14.

Church Women United events set

Joyce Bennington led the devotion at the April monthly meeting of Church Women United. President Duoy Edwards chaired the meeting.

Reports of ongoing projects were given and members were reminded of future dates.

April 28 — "Music, Music and Refreshments" was held at the First Presbyterian Church at 22nd Street and Delmar Avenue from 2-4 p.m.

May 7 — Fellowship luncheon to be held at Nameoki Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road, with registration at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon followed by a program at 1 p.m.

The theme is "Human Touch; Divine Healing" by Nancy Kaprielian of Hospice of Madison County, Granite City.

June 15 — Blood drive at Holy Family Church from 2-7 p.m.

Marlene Bauer of the American Red Cross will speak at the next monthly meeting of CWU at noon May 14 at Central Christian Church.

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